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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

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Today and Saturday

- **No significant weather impacts.**

Sunday through Tuesday

- **Isolated flash flooding possible in NM each day, especially in/around burn scar locations**
- **Isolated heavy rain also possible over SE TX & LA on Tuesday.**

River Flooding

- **The MS River at Baton Rouge continues in major flood stage, but is forecast to drop into moderate flood stage next week.**

Tropical Weather Outlook

- **Tropical cyclone formation is not expected during the next 5 days.**

FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

July 19, 2019 – July 23, 2019



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DAY / THREAT	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
Severe Storms					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding			NM & N OK	NM	NM SETX into S LA
Fire Weather					
Tropical Weather					
River Flooding	LA,AR	LA,AR	LA,AR	LA,AR	LA,AR

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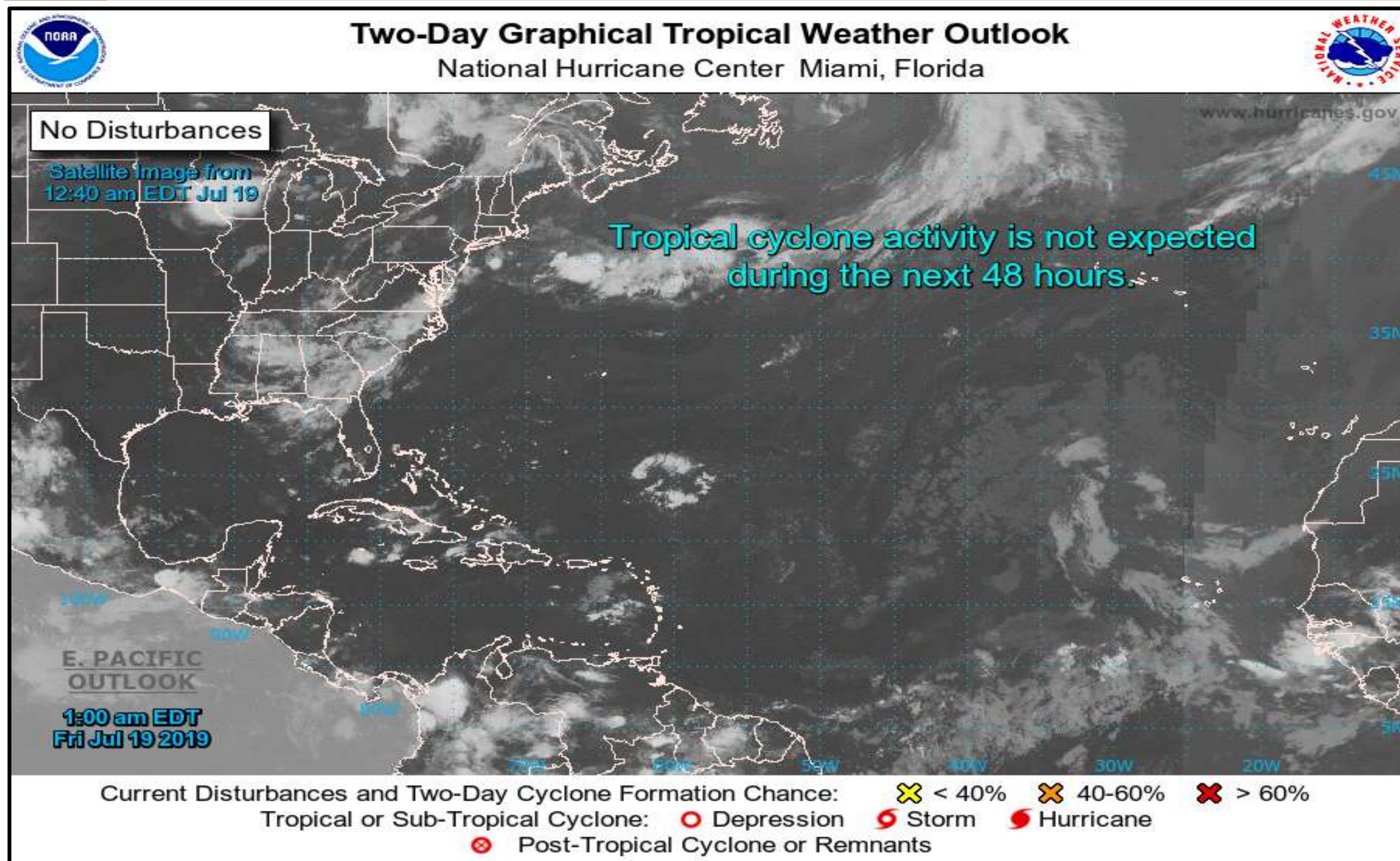
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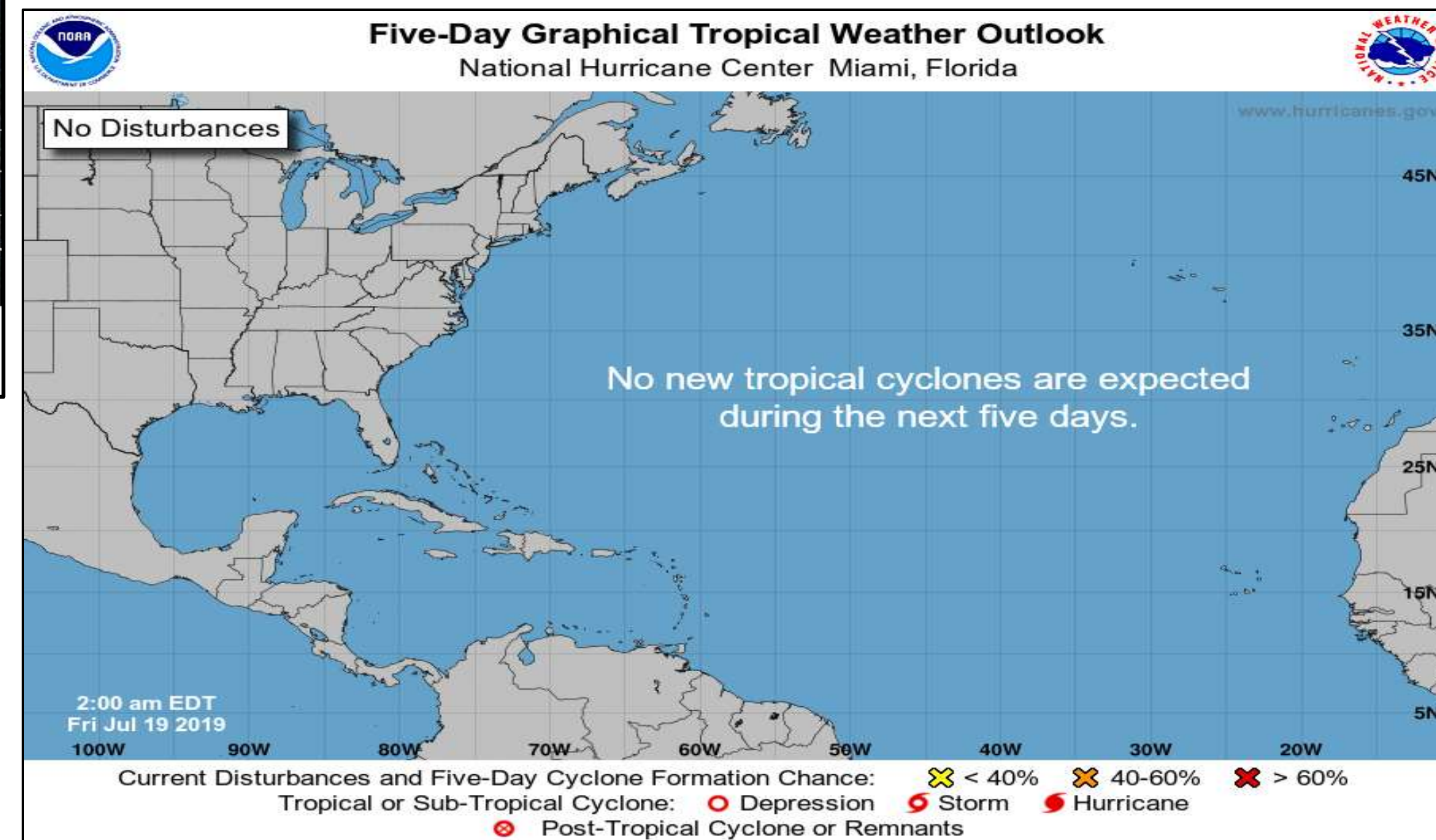
Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf



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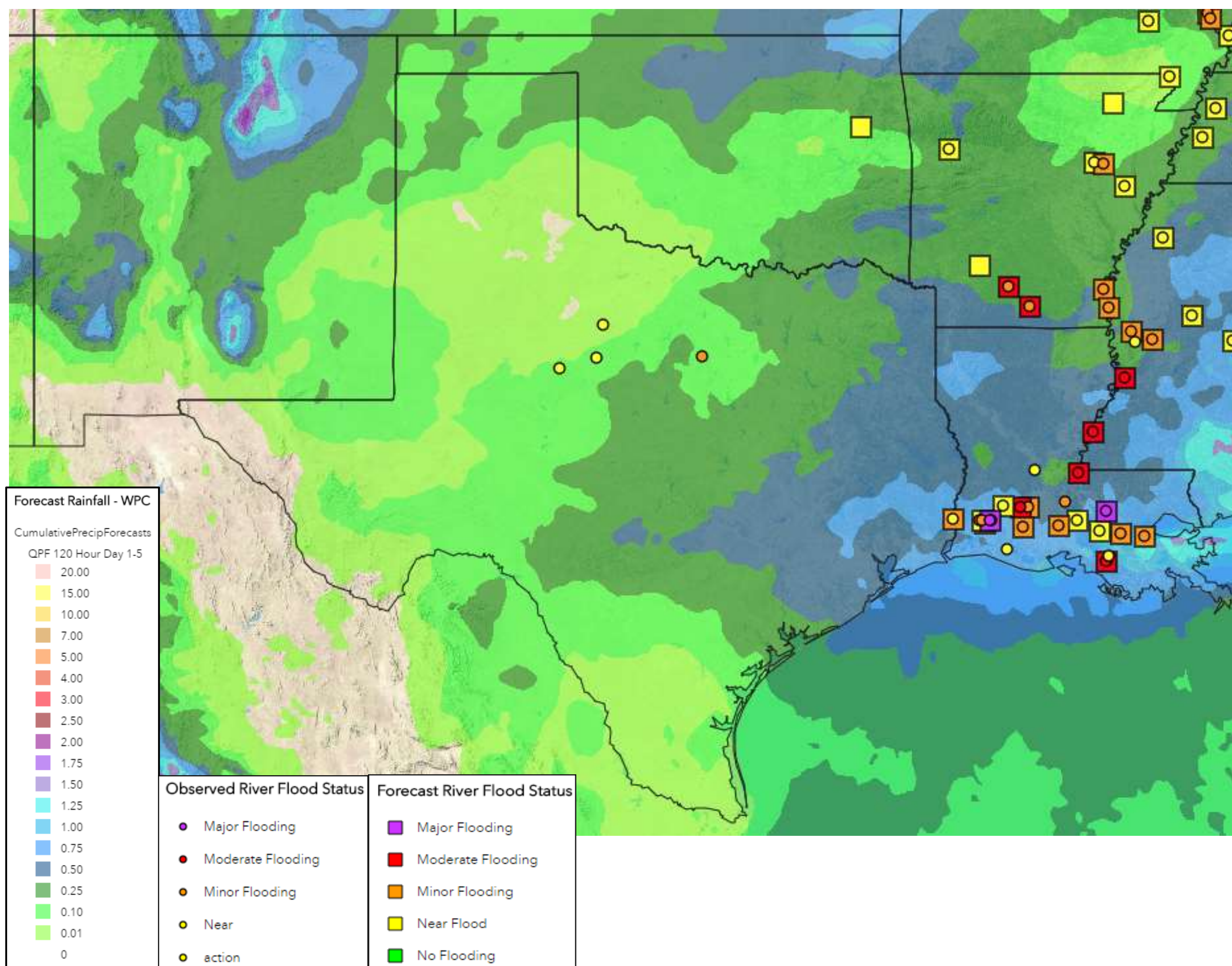


5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status



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Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall



Latest on the MS River Flooding:

- Significant falls on the Lower Mississippi River are expected in the next week or two.
- Arkansas City, AR is forecast to fall below flood stage today.
- Baton Rouge, LA is forecast to drop into moderate flood stage next week and could fall below flood stage in early August.

Flood Impacts from Barry:

- The Ouachita River in S AR will continue rising and is expected to crest in moderate flood early next week; many homes along the river are accessible by boat only.
- The Calcasieu River near Old Town Bay in SW LA is in major flood with water in several homes and camps NE of Lake Charles.
- The Atchafalaya River at Morgan City, LA will remain in moderate flood stage/steady through next week; buildings near the river will flood and vessel traffic is affected at these levels.

Today's Weather

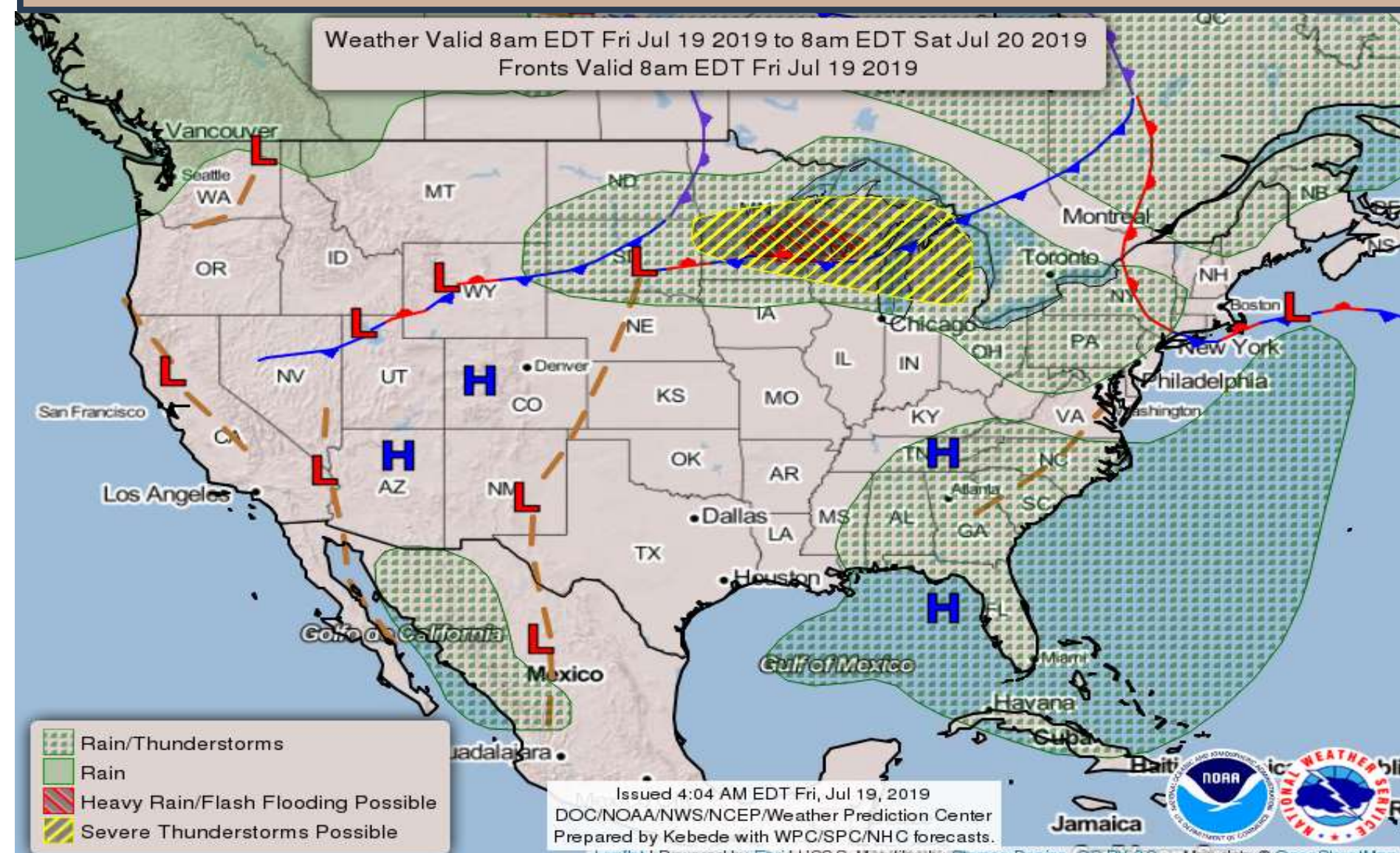


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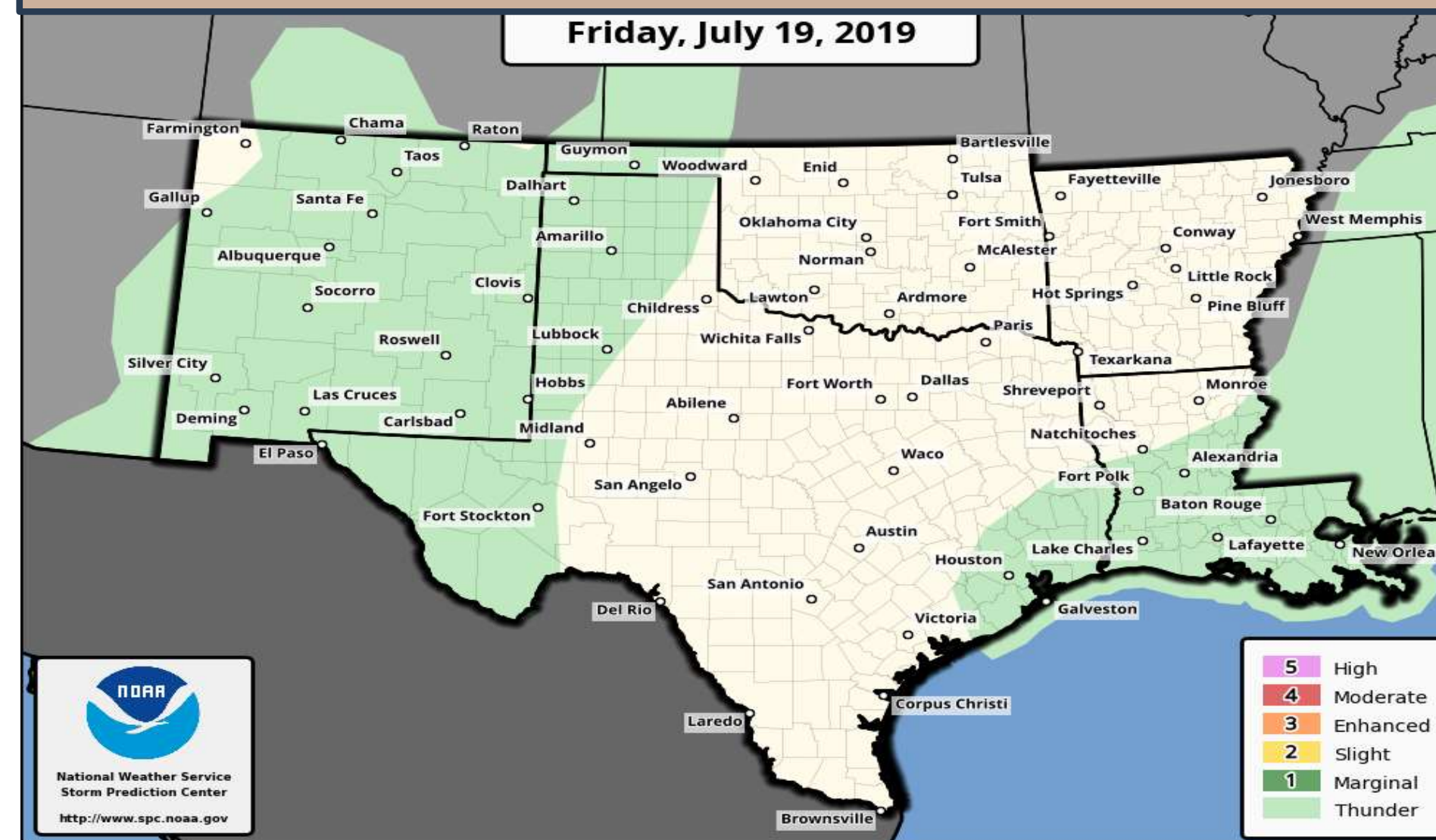
Forecast Rainfall

No significant weather impacts expected.



Severe Weather Outlook

Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Tomorrow's Weather

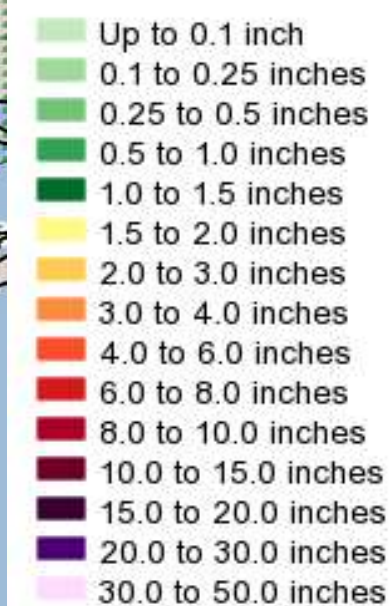
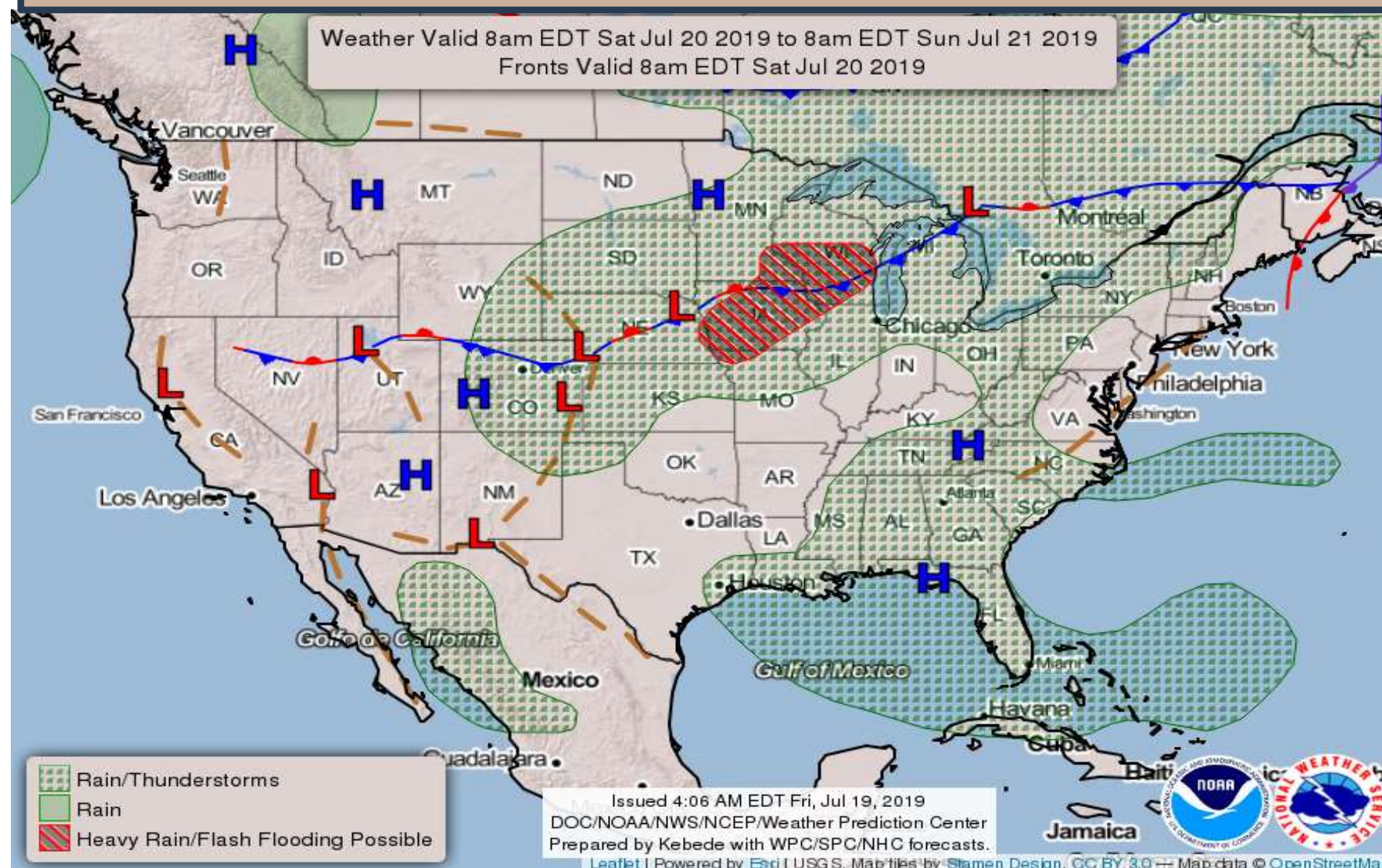


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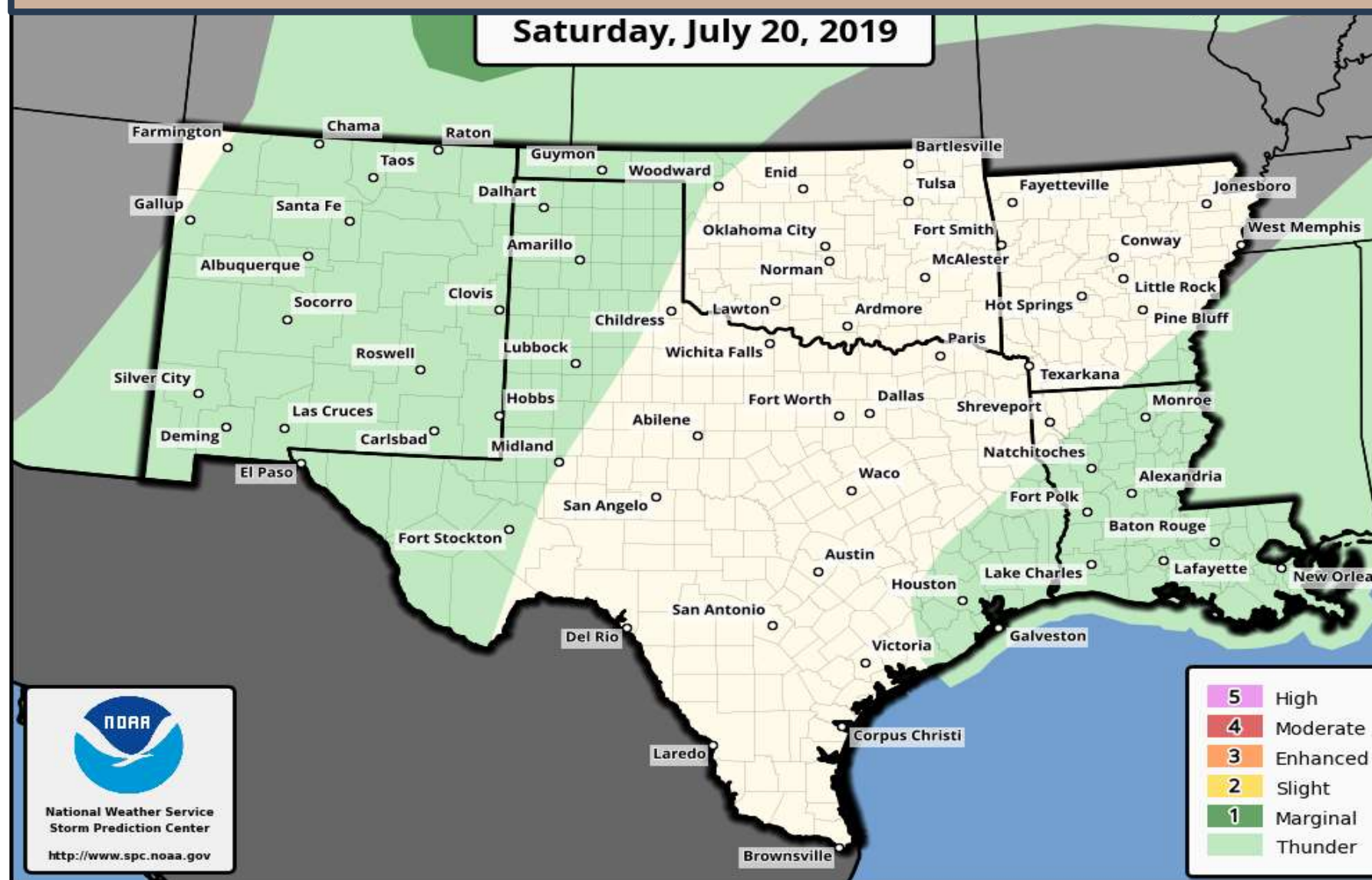
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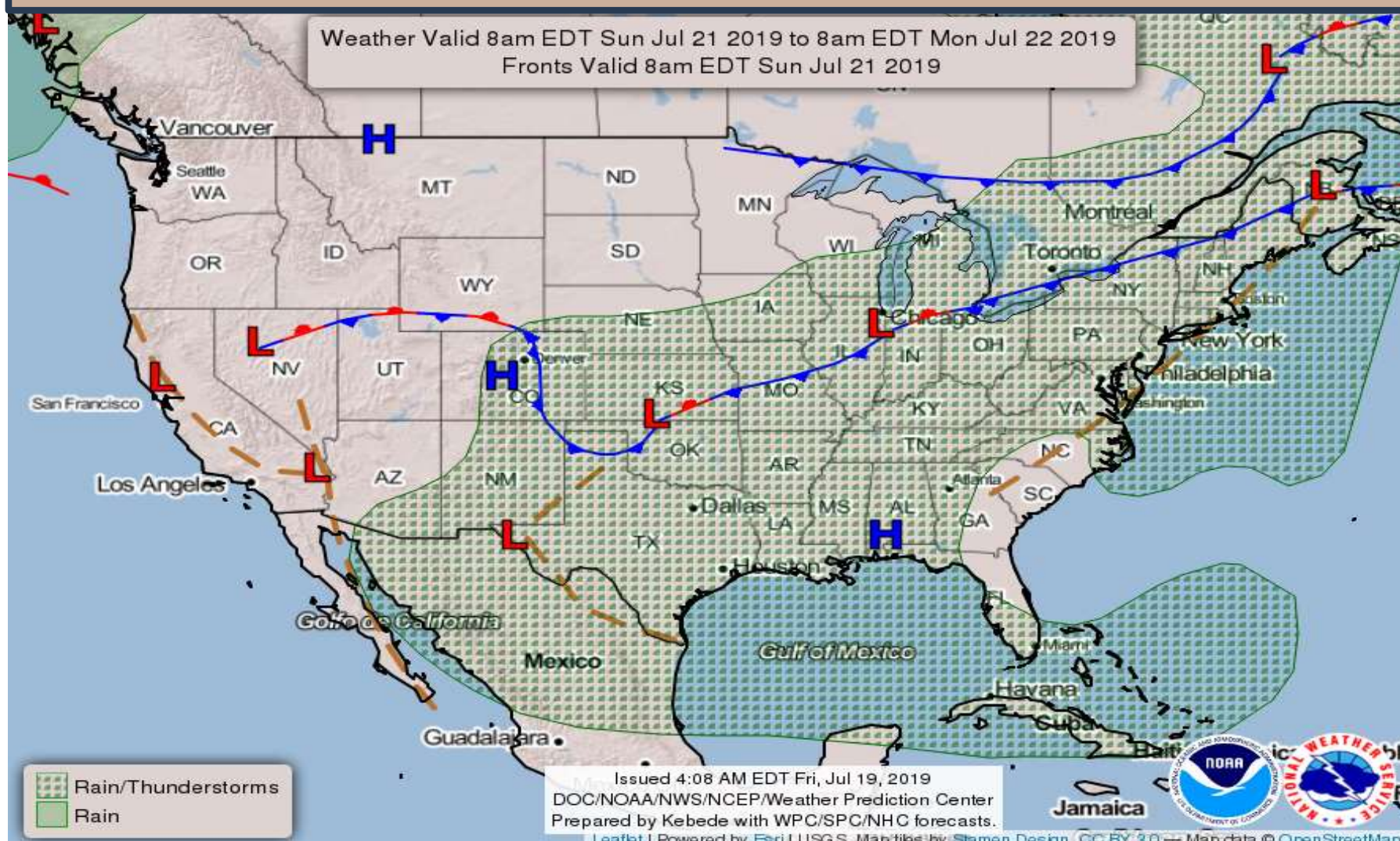
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Sunday's Weather

Forecast Chart



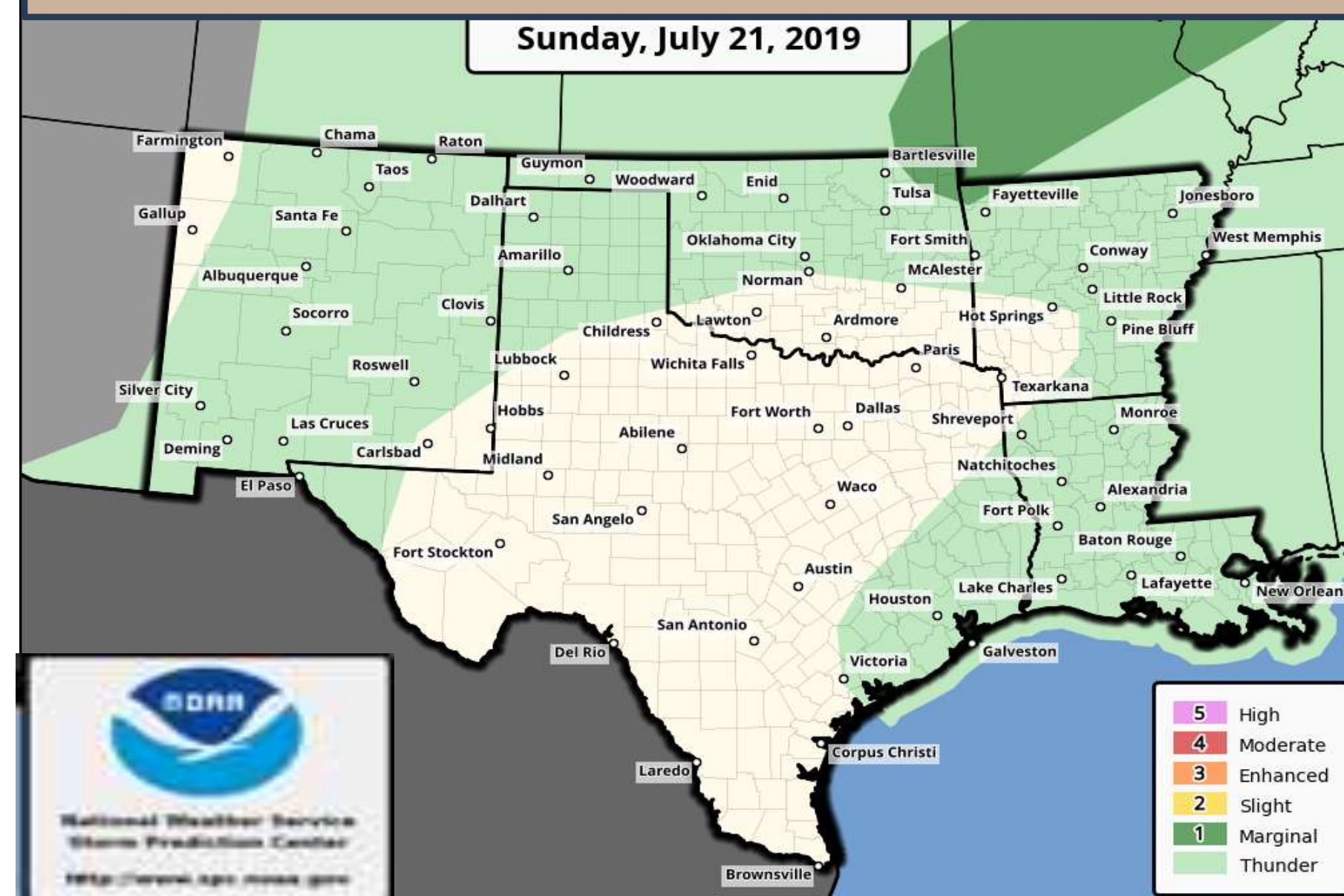
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Isolated heavy rain/flash flooding is possible in NM as well as N OK.

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook

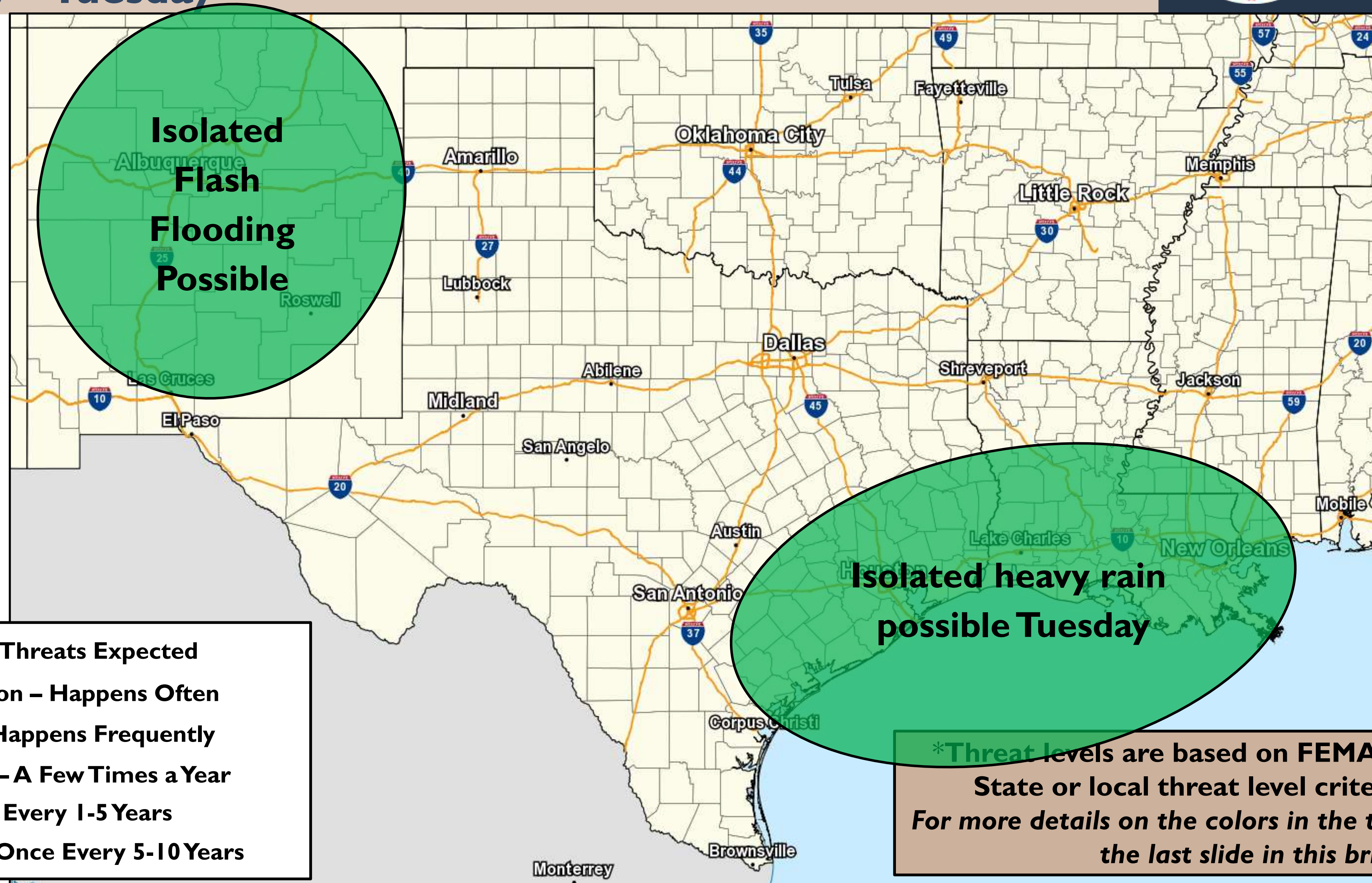


Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Monday – Tuesday



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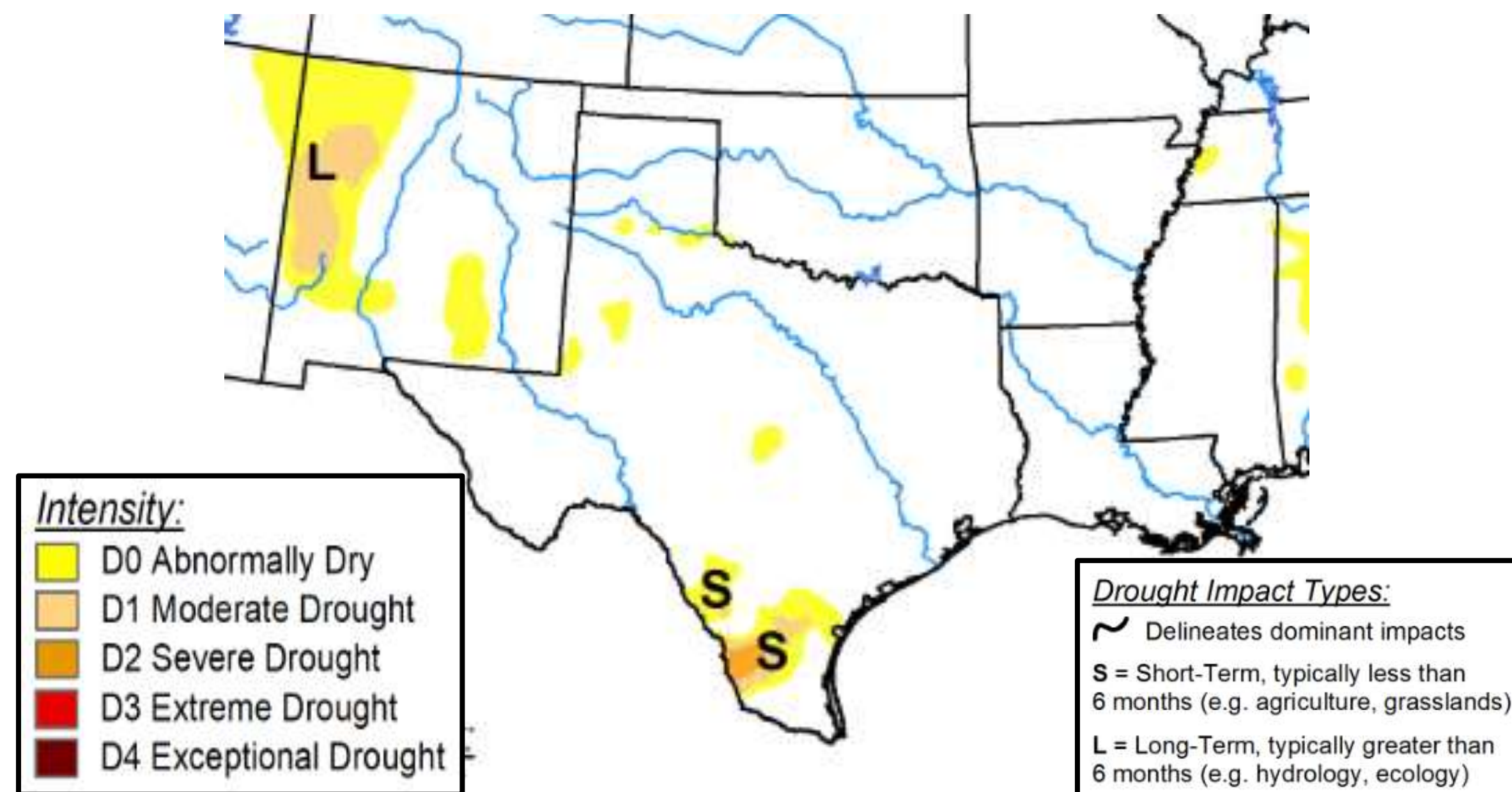
Drought Monitor (Released July 18, 2019)



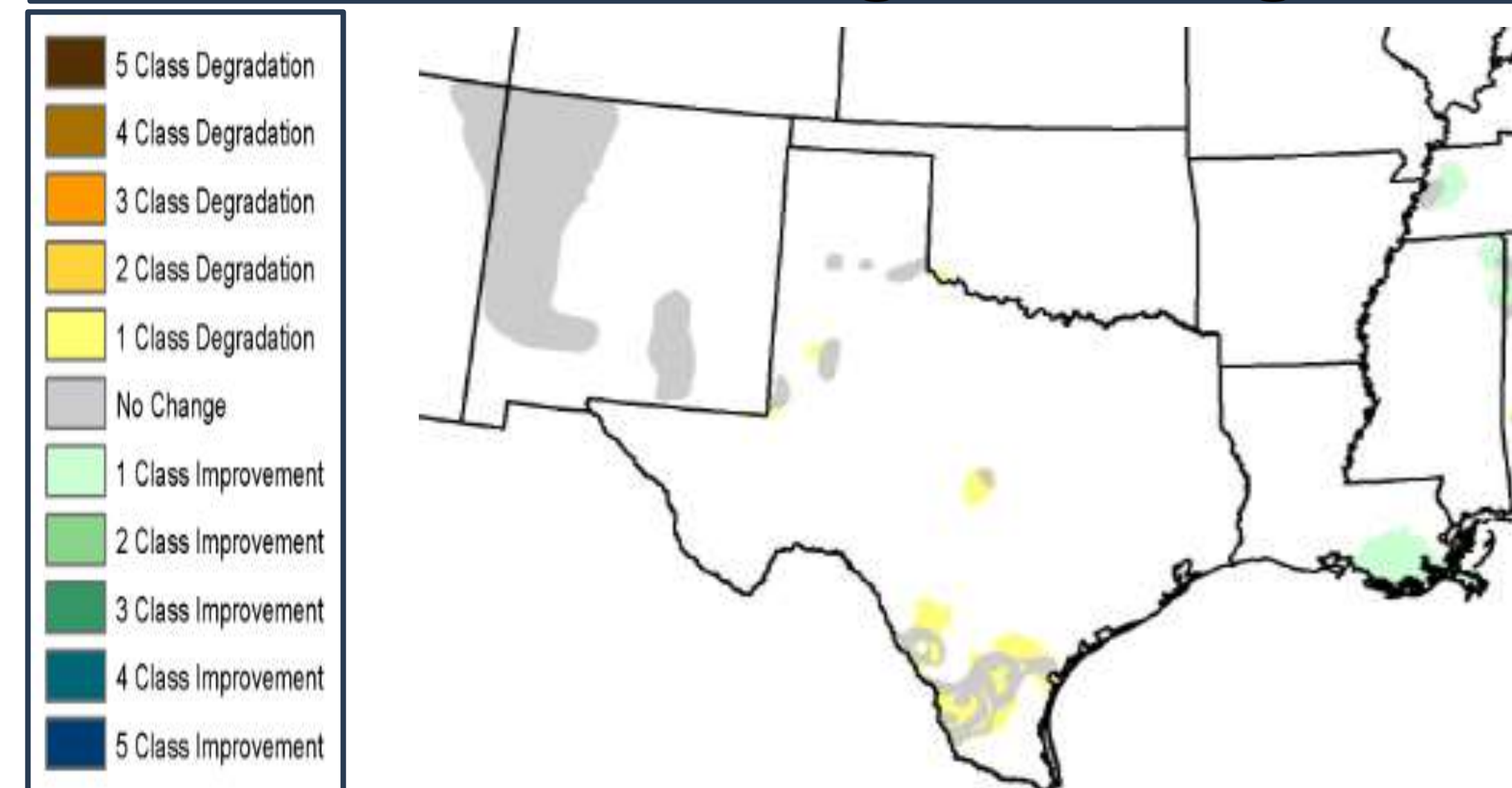
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Data valid as of 8am EDT, Tuesday, July 16, 2019

Drought Monitor



One Week Change in Drought



Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)

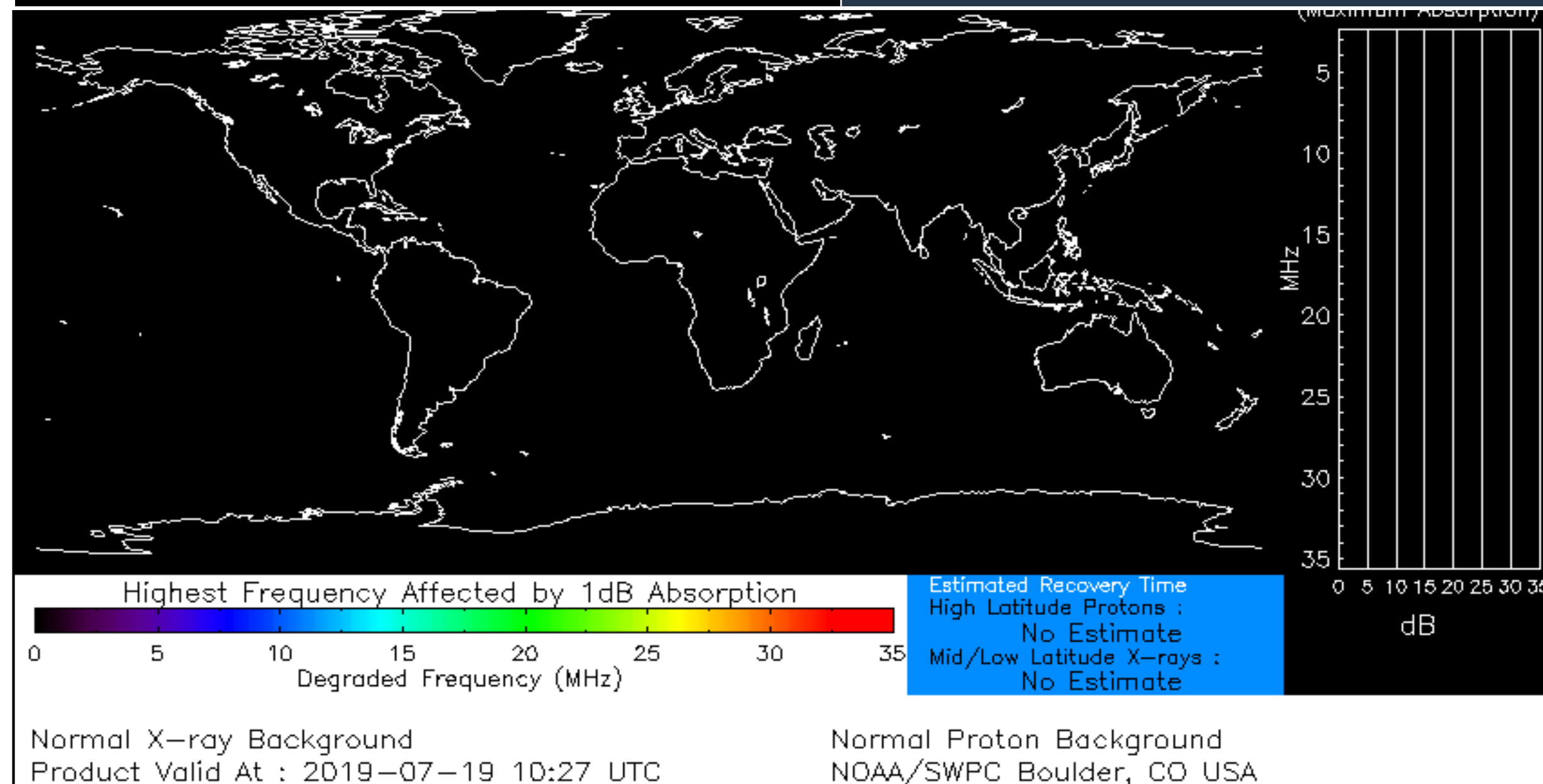
State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Arkansas	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
New Mexico	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	55.15%
Oklahoma	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	9.04%
Texas	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	3.38%

Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



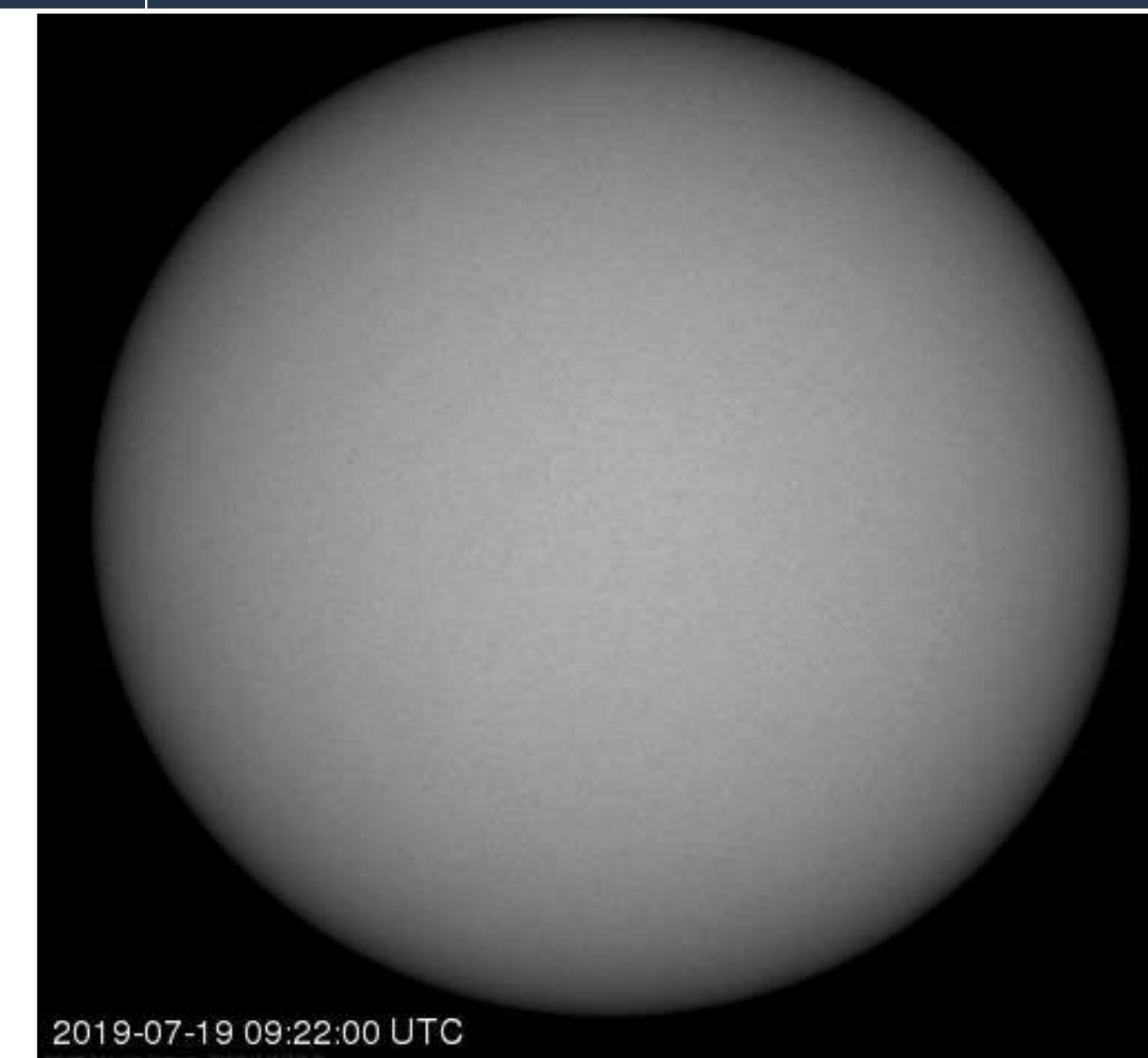
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	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



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3-Day Space Weather
Forecast Text](#)





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Weather “Threat” Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	Very Common Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX
Yellow	Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1” hail
Orange	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected
Red	Rare – Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue
Purple	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms

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